Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi

1732. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU:
SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Heavy Engineering Corporation, Ranchi has accumulated a loss of Rs. 425 crore till the end of the financial year 1984-85;

(b) whether this loss is double the company's capital outlay; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to overcome the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS AND HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) The Company has incurred an accumulated loss of Rs. 432.49 crores till the end of the financial year 1984-85.

(b) The accumulated loss is Rs. 432.49 crores as compares to its capital outlay of Rs. 163.30 crores.

(c) Major problems of the Corporation have been identified and steps have already been initiated to diversify the product-mix to reduce dependence for orders on the steel sector, and to get load for repetitive production; a major programme for capital repairs of old machinery and the modernisation of the production facilities has been initiated; design Department is being strengthened; and, in order to ensure adequate and uninterrupted supply of power, one DG set of 3.5 MW has already been installed and 4 Nos. more are being added so as to be in operation by 1986-87. The management has been strengthened.

Caustic soda Plants

1733. SHRI PARVATHAENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of places where the caustic soda plants are situated in the country (State-wise) at the end of the Sixth Five Year Plan period;

(b) what criteria have been fixed for giving licence for setting up of caustic soda plants;

(c) what is the number of applications pending with Government in this respect as on 31st May, 1985; and

(d) by when Government expect to clear these projects?

THE MINISTER OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) The requisite information is given in the statement annexed.

(b) The proposals relating to grant of industrial licence for setting up caustic soda plants are examined on merits which includes, inter-alia, factors like the existing installed capacity in the country and expected production therefrom, infrastructural facilities at the location of the new proposals, including availability of power, utilisation of bye-products, demand-supply gap.

(c) and (d) As on 31-5-85, only one fresh application for grant of an industrial licence for the manufacture of caustic soda was pending with the Government. Subsequently, this application was, prima-facie, rejected. However, certain representations against prima-facie rejection of application was, prima-facie, rejected, which additional information has been given by the applicants to enable the Government to take decision there upon.

Statement

Name of places (statewise) giving the location of the Caustic Soda Plant at the end of 6th Five Year Plan

I. Andhra Pradesh	1. Venkat rayapuram, Tanuku, Kovvur, West Godavari.
	2. Sirpur
II. Assam	3. Jogighopa, Goalpara.
III. Bihar	4. Dalmia Nagar, Dehrion Sone.
IV. Delhi	5. Delhi
V. Gujrat	6. Bhavnagar
	7. Atul, Distt. Bulsar.
	8. Baroda
	9. Porbandar.
	10. Mithapur.
VI. Haryana	11. Yamunanagar, Jagadhri.
VII. Karnataka	12. Karwar.
VIII. Kerala	13. Udyogamandal.
IX. Madhya Pradesh	14. Nagda.
	15. Shahabad, Amli.
	16. Nepanagar.
X. Maharashtra	17. Anik Chambut.
	18. Ballarsha, Maharashtra.
	19. Thane (4 units).
XI Orissa	20. Chhatrapur, Ganjam.
	21. Brajaraj Nagar, Sambalpur.
	22. Charwaty.
XII. Punjab	23. Nangal.
XIII. Rajasthan	24. Matsya Industrial Estate, Alwar.
	25. Ladpura, Kota.
XIV. Tamil Nadu	26. Sahupuram.
	27. Manali.
	28. Mettur Dam, Salem (2 units)
XV. Utter Pradesh	29. Ranukoot, Mirjapur.
XVI. West Bengal	30. Durgapur, Burdwan.
	31. Khardha, 24 Parganas.
	32. Titagarh, 24 Parganas.
	Ist unit—Titagarh.
	2nd Unit—Kakinara.